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1. There are approximately 70,000 Yugoslav residents in Argentina, and the majority of them are pro-Tito with definite Communist proclivities.
2. The Yugoslavia Libre, and the recently created Consejo Central Yugoslavo (see SO 5909 and SO 6719), are under the control of Belgrade officials through the local Yugoslav Legation. General Piro, presently serving as Yugoslav Minister to Argentina, maintains constant liaison with the local Soviet Embassy and receives instructions in regard to propaganda dissemination.
3. The anti-Tito Yugoslavs in Argentina are estimated to be approximately 1,000, and their members are included in the following groups:
  - a. The Sokol gymnastic organizations. Branches are scattered throughout Argentina, and some of them are believed to have been subjected to Communist infiltration.
  - b. The Club Yugoslavo, Calle Defensa 127, which is also the headquarters of the anti-Tito newspaper Protest.
  - c. The Casa Yugoslava in Dock Sud (a southern suburb of Buenos Aires) which is directed by an anti-Communist commission although some members are Communists.
4. Many former adherents of Pavelic have now become affiliated with pro-Tito organizations, but there are still several thousand local Yugoslavs who remain faithful to Pavelic. About 500 pro-Pavelics have entered Argentina within the past six months. Among them are:
  - a. Leonardo Grivichich, a prominent businessman from Zagreb.
  - b. Dr. Branko Benson, ex-Minister of Pavelic in Berlin.
  - c. Vojeslav Vrancich, the ex-Minister of Commerce in Pavelic's cabinet.

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